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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

February 29, 2016

Via Overnight delivery

Jean Jewell, Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission 472 West Washington Street P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

Re:

Case No.:

Application for Approval Interconnection Agreement McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing are an original and two (2) copies of the Interconnection Agreement Terms and conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, Windstream NuVox, LLC. CenturyLink respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Commission Decision Meeting Agenda for expedited approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the enclosed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Josie G. Addington Legal Assistant III

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Service List

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION dba CENTURYLINK QC FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH McLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(e)

CASE NO.: QWE-T-16-D1

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") hereby files this Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, LLC, Windstream NuVox, LLC for the State of Idaho ("Agreement"). The Agreement with ("McLeod") is submitted herewith.

This Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the agreement (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this

agreement; or the implementation of such an agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

CenturyLink respectfully submits that this Agreement provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Agreement expeditiously. This Agreement is consistent with the public interest as identified in the procompetitive policies of the State of Idaho, the Commission, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission. Expeditious approval of this Agreement will enable McLeod to interconnect with CenturyLink facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

CenturyLink further requests that the Commission approve this Agreement without a hearing. Because this Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a party to the negotiations. Expeditious approval would further the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of February, 2016.

CENTURYLINK

Lisa A. Anderl

Attorney for CenturyLink

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this <u>29st</u> day of February, 2016, I served or caused to be served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

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